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(U) Costa Mesa – Two Arrested in 55 Freeway Road Rage Killing of 6-Year-Old Boy

(U) A couple in their 20s were arrested outside their home in Costa Mesa Sunday night in connection to the 55 Freeway road rage shooting that took the life of Aiden Leos, 6, on 21 May. Marcus Anthony Eriz, 24, and Wynne Lee, 26, are boyfriend and girlfriend. Eriz is suspected of being the shooter, while Lee is believed to have been the driver. CHP investigators had placed the couple under surveillance for a period of time. Officers followed them from a restaurant before arresting them outside their Costa Mesa home. Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer said that murder charges may be on the table, but that a decision on the exact charges will come in the next 48 hours, after prosecutors have been fully briefed on evidence gathered by CHP investigators.

SOURCE: 7 June 2021, [CBS Los Angeles](#)

(U) Oakland – California Militia Planned for ‘War’ Against Police

(U) Court filings reveal that an Air Force sergeant accused of killing two law enforcement officers in California last year was part of a rightwing militia known as the Grizzly Scouts. The documents show that suspected gunman Steven Carrillo, 32, was not a lone actor but a member of an anti-government group preparing for more deadly attacks. The Santa Cruz Sentinel reports that the militia held firearms training, scouted out protests, and laid out terms of “war” against police. The filings were submitted in the case against four other alleged Scouts members, including the leader. They are accused of destroying evidence relevant to last year’s killings. Carrillo has pleaded not guilty.

SOURCE: 7 June 2021, [CBS Sacramento](#)

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(U) District of Columbia – White House Announces Formation of Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

(U) Washington DC – The Biden administration announced yesterday the formation of a new task force to combat human trafficking and smuggling groups operating in the Northern Triangle countries and Mexico in tandem with Vice President Harris’s trip to the region. The initiative was one of a handful highlighted by Harris during a press conference Monday afternoon alongside Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei. The Justice Department said that the new task force, known as Joint Task Force Alpha, will involve federal prosecutors partnering with officials working for DHS to dismantle and prosecute human trafficking and smuggling networks operating out of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico.

SOURCE: 7 June 2021, [The Hill](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Seizes \$2.3 Million in Bitcoin Paid to Colonial Pipeline Hackers

(U) Washington DC – The Justice Department said yesterday it recovered some \$2.3 million worth of cryptocurrency ransomware paid by Colonial Pipeline Co, in a crackdown on hackers who launched the most disruptive US cyberattack on record. Deputy US Attorney General Lisa Monaco said investigators had seized 63.7 Bitcoins, now valued at about \$2.3 million, paid by Colonial after last month's hack of its systems that led to massive shortages at US East Coast gas stations. The Justice Department has "found

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and recaptured the majority" of the ransom paid by Colonial, Monaco said. Colonial Pipeline had said it paid the hackers nearly \$5 million to regain access. Bitcoin's value has dropped in recent weeks, trading at around \$36,000 on Monday after hitting \$63,000 in April.

SOURCE: 7 June 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) New York – New York City Law Department Hit by Cyber Attack

(U) New York City – Hackers breached the New York City Law Department's computer system over the weekend, prompting the city to limit access to the network as it investigates the cyberattack, officials said yesterday. The city's Cyber Command, which monitors more than 100 government agencies and offices, first detected the breach on Saturday, according to Laura Feyer, a spokeswoman for City Hall. It is unclear if any private or sensitive data was taken in the breach, Ms. Feyer said. She added that no ransom was sought. As a precaution, the city limited access to the Law Department's network on Sunday to maintain security, Ms. Feyer said. The department's lawyers didn't have access to their email accounts on Monday, according to the spokeswoman. The Law Department appears to be the only agency that was affected by the hack, according to City Hall.

SOURCE: 7 June 2021, [The Wall Street Journal](#)

(U) Utah – Man Arrested for Possession of Weapon of Mass Destruction

(U) Midvale – A man has been arrested on charges of possessing a weapon of mass destruction in Salt Lake County. According to arresting documents, Robert Turville, 62, was taken into custody on charges of possession of a weapon of mass destruction, possession of a deadly weapon with the intent to assault, two counts of threat of violence, and criminal solicitation. Police were called to a threat of violence incident at a Midvale retailer on Friday. Upon arrival, police report they were informed a terminated employee, later identified as Turville, had been recorded saying "he was 100% committed to taking a life." Police say the threats including killing five specific people. Arresting documents allege Turville solicited a witness, to place Tannerite, a binary explosive, in the headrest of cars.

SOURCE: 7 June 2021, [ABC 4](#)

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(U) Canada – Muslim Family Targeted in Fatal Hit and Run

(U) London – A family of five who were struck by a vehicle were targeted because they were Muslims, Canadian police said yesterday. Four members of the family were killed in the incident and one remains in hospital. The incident occurred Sunday evening when a truck plowed into the group of pedestrians. "This was an act of mass murder perpetuated against Muslims," London Mayor Ed Holder said. "It was rooted in unspeakable hatred." A man is under arrest and faces four counts of first-degree murder. Police said suspect Nathaniel Veltman, 20, a resident of London, Ontario, did not know his victims. Police said a black pickup truck mounted a curb and struck the victims at an intersection.

SOURCE: 7 June 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Hundreds Arrested Worldwide in Organized Crime Sting

(U) London – A massive international sting involving 16 countries, including the US, has netted more than 800 suspects, the seizure of 8-tons of cocaine and more than \$48 million, officials said today. The FBI and Australian law enforcement developed and operated an encrypted device company, called ANOM, that was then used to gain access to organized crime networks in more than 100 countries, according to Europol, the law enforcement agency of the European Union. ANOM's users believed the devices to be secure, according to the Dutch National Police at the press conference. Access to the communications of those involved in criminal networks meant that law enforcement agencies were able to read encrypted messages over the course of 18 months. The platform's users communicated in 45

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languages about trafficking and drugs, arms and explosives, armed robberies, contract killings and more. In addition to the arrests and seizures of drugs, weapons and money, the operation was able to mitigate over 100 threats to life. The access to their networks also enabled law enforcement agencies to see photographs of hundreds of tons of cocaine concealed in shipments of fruit and canned goods.

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